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Edenburg, July 28.

ON the 26th Instant dyed the Duke of Rothes, *Lord Chancellor of this Kingdom; his death is greatly lamented, being eminent for his Loyalty and great Abilitys. His Royal Highness has appointed the Lord Marquis of* Athol, *Lord Privy Seal, the highest Officer of State now present in this Kingdom) to preside in Parliament; the Great Seal being in the mean time by his Royal Highness, put into the Hands of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, till His Majesty shall have Declared his pleasure concerning the Constituting a new Lord Chancellor.*

The 27th. that notorious Rebel Cargil *and four others, who were in Arms at* Bothwel Bridge *were hanged at the* High Cross: *they died obdurate in their villanous Principles; for one of them being offered his Life, if he would acknowledge the Kings Authority, and pray for him, Answered,* He would not purchase his Life at so deur a rate.

This day the Parliament was opened with great Solemnity (of which it would be too long to give you here all the particulars) His Royal Highness, his Majesties High Commissioner (before whom were carried the Crown, Sword, and Scepter by the Marquis of Douglas, the Earl of Argile, *and the Earl of* Marr) *the Nobility, and the Commissioners from the Shires and the Royal Burroughs, rid on Horseback to the Parliament-House, the Streets being crowded with People, who flocked from all parts to see this splendid Cavalcade.*

Being come to the Parliament-House, and his Royal Highness being seated on the Kings Throne, and publick Prayers having been made by the Bishop of Edenburg; *His Majesties Commission, and Gracious Letter to the Parliament were read; and that done, his Royal Highness made a Speech (which will be published at large, and therefore we forbear giving you any part of them here) after which the Members of Parliament took the usual Oath, and the Lords of the Articles were appointed, and then the Parliament Adjourned till Monday next; and his Royal Highness and all the Nobility, and the other Members of Parliament returned to the Palace, where they were entertained at Dinner by His Royal Highness; for which purpose four Tables were prepared in the great Gallery, one at the upper end under a State, at which sate his Royal Highness alone, another for the Bishops and the Nobility, and two others for the Commissioners from the Shires and Royal Burroughs. All the Tables were served at the same time, and the Entertainment was magnificent and great, and as great was the satisfaction of all that were present at it, who being extreamly sensible of their happiness, in having his Royal Highness resident among them, under whose Administration they find themselves so perfectly at ease, and the Interests of the Kingdom so much cherished, do on all occasions endeavour to express the same, and we doubt not but we shall in a more particular manner see the happy effects thereof in this Parliament, to the disappointment of those that labour to disturb our present Peace and Happiness.*

Edenburg, Aug. 2. Yesterday the Parliament met again, and resolved that a most Loyal and Dutiful Answer should be returned to His Majesties Letter, which having been twice Read, and unanimously approved, Mr. *Charles Straton* (the Son of a very Loyal Father) was sent Express to carry it to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Murray*, his Majesties sole Secretary of State for this Kingdom; that Gentleman having likewise a Letter from his Royal Highness to His Majesty. Then the Parliament Adjourned till Friday next, the Lords of the Articles being in the mean time to meet and prepare Matters that are to be brought into Parliament.

Vienna, July 31. Our Letters from *Oedenburg*, give great hopes of an Accommodation, and say, that Count *Teckeley* had written to the Archbishop of *Hungary*, assuring him that he desired nothing more than to see a Compolure of the present differences; that he would contribute what lay in him towards it, by endeavouring to dispose the *Hungarians* that are now in Arms, to lay them down, provided they might be assured of the free exercise of their Religion, and the restitution of their Goods and Estates, that have been Sequestred; and that the Moneys they have promised the *Turks*, may be paid. We are told that Count *Oxenstern*, the Swedish Ambassador, has desired the Emperors assistance, in case the *Muscovites* should invade the Dutchy of *Liefland*. The 6000 Men, lately raised in *Tirol*, with the Regiments of *Souches* and *Tuff*, are ordered to March towards *Strasburg*, with whom are to joyn the Troops of the Circles of *Suabia* and *Franconia*, in order to form a Camp near the *Rhine*, to observe the motions of the *French*.

Francfort, Aug. 6. The French Commissioners for the Conferences that are to be held here, are arrived at *Metz* the Imperial Commissioners are likewise on their way hither, so that we hope the Conferences will be speedily begun.

Hamburg, Aug. 8. From *Copenhagen* we have an Account, that four *Brandenburg* Ships, the one mounted with above 50 Guns, two with 40, and the fourth with 36, were arrived in the *Sounds*, but that it was not known what Expedition they were going upon. The Plague takes away a great many People at *Maegdeburg*, and to prevent the spreading of the Infection, that City is in a manner shut up by the Troops that are posted round it. The Danish Court is still at *Koldingen*.

Hague, Aguſt 12. In the absence of the Prince of *Orange*, and the States of *Holland* here passes not any thing of moment. From *Sweden* we have an account, That that King does very much resent the ill Treatment he receives from the *French*, with relation to the Dutchy of *Deux Ponts*, and that he had resolved to abandon the Alliance of *France*, and to enter into Engagements with the Emperor and the Empire, by which he will oblige himself to assist them with 20000 Men, besides the Troops, which as Duke of *Pomerania* and *Bremen*, he is to furnish to the Army of the Empire.

Paris,

Paris, Auguſt 13. The Dauphineſs is much better than ſhe was, but is not yet quite Well From *Rochel* they write, That Monſieur *de Saignelay* arrived there the 1ſt Inſtant, and that he parted again the next Morning early, and went to the Iſle of *Rhé*, to give orders about Building a Fort, where the antient Cittadel ſtood, and the making the Port of St. *Martin* capable to receive the greateſt ſhips. The Marqueſs of *Termes* was two days ſince Arreſted, and ſent Priſoner to *Vincennes*, by Order of the Chamber of Poyſonings. Four or five days ſince, arrived a Courier, diſpatched by Monſieur *Verjus*, the Kings Miniſter at *Ratisbone*, who was ſent back the next Morning, which makes it believed it was a matter of Importance he came about. It is reported here, that 40000 *Turks*. have joyned with the Hungarian Rebels, and that they intended to attaque *Rabab*, one of the ſtrongeſt Places in *Hungary*, which will need a confirmation.

Windſor, Aug. 26. The 27th of the laſt Month was preſented to His Majeſty an humble Addreſs from the Gentlemen and Freeholders of *Holland* in *Lincolnſhire*.

Moſt Gracious and Dread Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſties moſt Obedient and Faithful Subjects, the Gentlemen and Freeholders for the parts of *Holland* in the County of *Lincoln*, out of the deep ſenſe of Your Majeſties unwearied Conſtancy, and pious Care for the preſervation of the Church of *England*, in Doctrine and Worſhip, with thoſe prudent and neceſſary Laws, by which the ſaid Church is eſtabliſhed; and for the defence of which, Your Royal Father of bleſſed Memory dyed a Glorious Martyr; do oblige us to this humble Addreſs, expreſſing both our Joy and Gratitude for Your Majeſties Gracious Declaration, whereby we are aſſured, that Your Majeſty will defend the juſt Rights of Your Crown in the lineal and natural ſucceſſion of them; and ſince Your Majeſty has Graciouſly aſſured, us, that You will not only preſerve, but make the good Laws enacted by Your Royal Anceſtors. the rules of Your Government; We do moſt humbly beg, that thoſe Laws of the 35th of Q. *Eliz.* and the third of King *James* of happy Memory, which are the chief (if not the only) Bulwarks of our Church and Religion (and therefore have been in ſuch dangers to be undermined and ruined by thoſe who are enemies to both) may be duly and impartially executed againſt all Diſſentors, of what Name or Faction ſoever. We cannot but with great Grief and Conſternation of our Hearts and Minds, conſider that our Parliaments, which have heretofore been the reſtorers of our Breaches, the conſervers and maintainers of the Sacred Power and Prerogative of our Kings, and the juſt Properties and Liberties of the Subject, have of late proved ſo unſucceſsful, while ſome Men (whoſe Principles Your Majeſty has very well obſerved unto us) have invaded the Prerogative of the Crown, and infringed the Liberties of their fellow Subjects; yet ſtill Your Majeſty is Graciouſly Reſolved, that no irregularities in Parliament ſhall ever cauſe You to be out of love with them, or lay them aſide, which is a clear teſtimony unto us, that Your Majeſty will to the utmoſt endeavour, to extirpate Popery and Schiſm. to redreſs all the Grievances of Your Subjects, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of Your Kingdom. Such Favours and Bleſſings as theſe, Command our ſincereſt Duty, and moſt unfeigned Thanks, which we here in all Humility preſent to your moſt Sacred Majeſty; and we do firmly and unanimoſly Reſolve, to ſupport, aſſiſt and defend Your moſt Sacred Perſon, Your Honour and Renown, the Hereditary and Legitimate Succeſſion of Your Royal Crown and Scepter in the right Deſcent and Line, the eſtabliſht Government in Church and State with our Hands and Hearts, our Lives and Fortunes, which are all due to Your unparalell'd Goodneſs; and we ſhall never think them better hazarded or ſpent, than when we do moſt approve our ſelves.

Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, Subſcribers to this Humble Addreſs. Signed by about 300.

May it pleaſe your Sacred Majeſty,

WE your Majeſties moſt Loyal Subjects, the Recorder, Deputy-Recorder, Aldermen, Capital Burghers, Freemen, and other Inhabitants of your Majeſties moſt antient Borough of *Stamford* in the County of *Lincoln*, crave leave to Declare, that our very Thoughts and Hearts have been expreſt in all thoſe Loyal Acknowledgments (which we have read) of your Majeſties Gracious Condeſcenſion in your late Declaration, concerning the Diſſolution of the two laſt Parliaments, we are ſo far from being agrieved, that we have been prevented by their early zeal, that we are overjoyed to ſee ſo many of your Majeſties faithful Subjects, with humble Gratitude, teſtifying to your Majeſties unparalell'd Grace, and Declaring themſelves ſenſible of the Nations true Intereſt. It was eaſily diſcernable how your Royal Goodneſs was neceſſitated to interrupt that Intercourſe with your Majeſties People, which by your Majeſties long continuance, and frequent calling of Parliaments, had evidenced to be infinitely pleaſing to your Majeſty; and were aſtoniſh'd to find ſuch ill humors moving in a ſeaſon that abſolutely required the moſt dutiful demeanor of Subjects to their Sovereign, and aba.h'd to ſee the breach, occaſioned by Perſons, whoſe Truſt and Quality prompted them to all ſubmiſſive Correſpondence with a moſt Gracious King. We therefore in all humble Reverence, admire your Majeſties ſeaſonable interpoſing, as a manifeſt Teſtimony of your Majeſties prudent vigilance for the Peace and welfare of your Kingdoms, a timely vindication of Sacred Regal Sovereignty, and of the Fundamental Conſtitution of Engliſh hereditary Monarchy, the Glory and Safety of the three Nations, a Zeal for the Honour of Parliaments, an aſſerting of the true Proteſtant and Chriſtian Principle of impartial and unconditional Loyalty, and a reſolute enforcing thoſe wholſom Laws upon which the Peace of our Church, and the liberty of all your Majeſties Subjects depend.

We heartily, with the reſt of your Majeſties good Subjects, bleſs Almighty God, as for the uninterupted courſe of your Majeſties Juſt and Gracious Government, the beneficial influence of which ſo long experienced, apparently detects the unreaſonableneſs of all the ſeditious Suggeſtion and calumnies of the Enemies of your Majeſties and our Peace; ſo likewiſe for the comfortable effects of your Majeſties late vigorous exerciſe of Royalty, and of the clear ſatisfaction given by your Majeſties late Declaration, even to the abuſed part of your Majeſties Subjects, both in the ſuddain vaniſhing thoſe frightful apprehenſions that terrified the minds of the vulgar, and in the conſiderable check given to the inſolent Phanaticks (we had almoſt ſaid) openly encouraged to inſult over Loyalty and Conformity.

In humble return to Your Sacred Majeſties incomperable Goodneſs, we humbly beſeech Your Princely Clemency to accept of this unfeigned Aſſurance, that both in Conſcience to the Sovereign King, whoſe Authority in our Publick Devotions, we confeſs Your Majeſty to have, and in Gratitude to the moſt Indulgent of Kings, we ſhall with hazard of Lives and Eſtates, be ever ready to maintain Your Majeſties undoubted Supremacy againſt all Papal, Conſiſtorial, or Democratical pretentions, the Hereditary Deſcent of the Crown, and in our Stations, thoſe excellent Laws by which Your Majeſties Royal Progenitors, have ſecured to us our Religion and Liberties, with all Zeal oppoſing to the Whiſpers and Clamours of Popular Seducers, our own and the Nations general Peace, of the Clemency and Righteouſneſs of your Majeſties admirable Government. The long continuance of which we pray for, with the Devotion which becomes Men not weary of their ſweet Happineſs, and who withal live in a Corporation early Honoured with the Marks of Your Gracious Majeſties particular Favour.

ſigned by above 250.

To the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of us the Major part of the Grand Inqueſt for the County of Southampton, *at the Aſſizes held for the ſaid County, the* 14th *day of* July, 1681. *in a grateful acknowledgment of his Majeſties moſt Gracious Favour, by his late Declaration, do moſt humbly make this our Addreſs to His Sacred Majeſty, wherein we do humbly deſire the concurrence of the Juſtices of the Peace for this County.*

Royal SIR,

HAving had ſo great and long experience of Your Majeſties incomparable Prudence, Juſtice, and Moderation, by which we have enjoyed our Religion, Laws, and Liberty, with all freedom and ſecurity ever ſince Your Majeſties happy Reſtauration; and obſerving the unſuitable returns which ſome ill Men have made to ſuch tranſcendent Favours, by audaciouſly Libelling Your Sacred Perſon; raiſing cauſeleſs fears and jealouſies on Your Proceedings, defaming the Government

vernment, and maliciously misinterpreting the best of Your Majesties Councils and Actions; it being manifest also, That those who make the loudest Alarm against Popery, do endeavour to destroy one of the best Protestant Churches in the World, and the firmest Bulwark against it; and that many of those who cry out against Arbitrary Power, are the only persons that would exercise it. We Your Majesties Faithful and Loyal Subjects, doe with all Duty and Submission unto the whole conduct of Your Majesties Affairs, and with a perfect detestation of such seditious practices, lay our selves at your Majesties feet, gratefully acknowledging both Your former Care and Grace extended unto us; as also the late condescension in publishing that most excellent Declaration, which assures us of Your Majesties Royal Intentions, still to continue the same Protection of us in our Religion and Property, and to maintain your own Prerogative, without which we cannot be secured: by which seasonable manifestation, the Hearts of Your good Subjects are confirmed, the misinform'd convinc'd, and the Mouths stopt of all, but those unreasonable and designing Parties, whose Interest it is not to be satisfied with any thing. And we doe with earnestness beseech Almighty God, to strengthen and prosper Your Majesty in those Pious and Magnanimous Resolutions, declaring our readiness on all occasions, to stand by Your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes, for the preservation of Your Royal Person, Crown, and lawful Succession; and for the maintenance of the Government both in Church and State, as now established by Law, against all opposition of factious and turbulent Men, Popish Consults, or Phanatick Juntoes; whose designs, how different soever they may appear, do all center in the same point, the ruine of the Monarchy, and Church of *England*, both which are so linked together, and so dear to all true Englishmen, that Your Majesty shall never want our Hands and Hearts for the Defence of them, nor our Prayers for Your Majesties long Life and Happiness.

Memorandum, The Justices of the Peace then present on the Bench, did unanimously concur herein, by their setting their Hands hereunto.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

An Address made to His Majesty by the Lieutenant, and Deputy-Lieutenants, Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, Ensigns, and all other the Officers of the Hamlets, belonging to His Majesties Tower *of* London.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, have considered, that a great part of the strength and security of Your Majesties *Tower* of *London*, consists in the Courage, Care and Fidelity of the Militia of the *Tower-Hamlets* by whom the Peace of these *Hamlets* will be likewise secured: which is of very great importance to Your Majesty, these *Hamlets* principally consisting of Sea-faring men and Manufacturers, by which the Trade and Commerce of Your great City and Kingdom is maintained and carried on, the Peace and security of this place being of so great consequence to your Majesty and Government. We must acknowledge the Trust reposed in us by your Majesty to be very great, and therefore from the Duty of that Trust, and the Obligation of all the Oaths we have taken to be true and faithful to your Majesty your Heirs, and lawful Successors, We do Declare, that as Your Majesty hath been Graciously pleased by your late Declaration to assure your Subjects, You will Govern them according to the Laws (for which we return Your Majesty our most humble Thanks) so we shall not only observe those Laws our selves, but by your Majesties Command, make use of that Power your Majesty hath given us, to oblige all other your Majesties Subjects within our jurisdiction to the like observance, your Majesty having Declared You expect it. And we further Declare, That we shall be always ready, to expose our Lives and Fortunes for the Defence of Your Majesties Sacred Person, and Your Government in Church and State as by Law established against all your Majesties Enemies, and disturbers of the Peace whatsoever.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

WE Your Majesties most Humble and most Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council, and other Inhabitants of your Majesties Town and Burrough of *Leeds*, in the *West-Riding* of the County of *York*, Present to your Majesty our most sincere Thanks, for our holy Rites, Laws, Freedoms, and Proprieties, all fallen with Monarchy, and raised again by your Majesties happy Restauration, before which barbarous and boundless Tyranny did every where prevail and overbear all Rights, Sacred and Civil, continual overflows of violent Misrule, numerous as the Factions and Ring-leaders, after usurpation on Majesty, advancing in turns, and turmoiling to a common Chaos, the safety of the People pretended, made a Cloak to enslave the People, nothing more destructive to Liberty then the Keepers, Votes and Ordinances tearing up, and blowing away the old Foundation. We present our most humble Thanks also to your Majesty, for the Graces of your Majesties Royal Declaration, your Majesties tender Care expressed in that for the Church of *England*, the most pure for Principles of Faith, and Worship, and alone truly Loyal; Your Majesties Fatherly regard of the Interest and Peace of your Majesties Lieges, assuring that your Majesty will not suffer us to be Oppressed by any Arbitrary Power whatsoever. We fully and freely submit and acquiesce in your Majesties Prudence and Government in all things.

We believe Your Majesty was always for, and will call frequent Parliaments, when need shall be, and we hope and wish all Orders in them, will and may be Obeisant and Obsequious to your Majesty, conform regularly to the ends of such Assembling, and comply in all the high and weighty Affairs, which concern Your Majesties Estate and Honour, and the Publick Good so linked together, that they are inseperable one and the same.

We shall be ever ready according to our bounden Duty and natural Legiance to serve Your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes, against all Opposition and Attempts of Male-contents, and seditious Mutineers, and Aspirers, of what Superstition, Sect, or Combination soever, and act to the utmost for Defence and Preservation of Your Majesties Sacred Person, maintaining and support of Your Majesties Imperial Crown in its full Grandure and Splendor, and the Lineal Hereditary Descent thereof, according to the Inherent Birthright, and lawful and undoubted Succession in its due Course.

May God from and by whom only Kings Reign, direct and prosper all Your Majesties Councels and Undertakings, and make Your Majesties Years many, and Glorious and Flourishing, and clothe Your Majesties restless Enemies with shame, as horrible as their Perfidiousness and Ingratitude to the best and most obliging of Princes, are foul and impious.

So prays Your Majesties most Faithful, and most Obedient Subjects and Servants. Signed by about 400.

Windsor, Aug. 3. This day the following Address from *Chester* was Presented to His Majesty by *Alexander Rigby* Esq; and Mr. *Thomas Simpson*, Alderman there, being Signed by about 800 of the principal persons of that City.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, (having with no less joy and satisfaction than others our fellow Subjects, who have been more early in their Address) heard Your Majesties Gracious Declaration read in our Churches, whereby we received fresh assurances of Your Majesties great Wisdom and Resolution, to defend the Church and State from the Designs of ill men, who act contrary to the Laws of God, and the well established Government of this Realm; do with all humble submission tender our unfeigned Thanks for that Your Majesties Royal Declaration, accounting our selves the most happy People in the World, under Your Majesties Government. And therefore do unanimously Resolve (as we are in Duty and Allegiance bound) to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in the defence of Your Majesties Royal Person, Government and lawful Successors, in opposition to all who shall by any means endeavour to invade the Rights of the Crown, subvert the constitution of the Church as now by Law established, or destroy the Liberty of the Subject; and as there are none more ambitious to promote Your Majesties Honour and Happiness, nor more zealous for the prosperity of this Church and State; so we Humbly beseech your Majesty to retain the same assurance of our Loyalty, which Your Royal Father of Blessed Memory ever had; and that Your Majesty may enjoy a long and prosperous Reign here, and hereafter everlastingly Reign in the Kingdom of Heaven, is, and ever shall be the constant Prayers of, Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

To